houses, dwellings, or chawls, or by grants of money, pensions and allowances, bonus or other payments or by creating and, from time to time, subscribing or contributing to a provident fund and other associations, institutions, funds or trusts and by providing or subscribing or contriubuting towards places of instruction and recreation, hospitals and dispensaries, medical and other assistance as the Company may think fit and to subscribe or otherwise to assist or to guarantee money to charitable, benevolent, religious, scientific, national, public or other institutions or objects or purposes;

(18) to train and pay for the training in India or abroad of any of the Company's employees or any candidate or to recruit and employ foreign experts in the interest or furtherance of the Company's objects;

(19) Generally to do all such other things as may be deemed incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them and to carry on any business which may seem to the Company capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with any of the Company's objects or calculated directly or indirectly to enhance the value of or render profitable any of the Company's property or rights; and

(20) to finance rural housing and village renewal programmes.

**Expenditure incurred by HUDCO on foreign visits**

2154. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an expenditure of 9725 American Dollars was incurred by HUDCO on the foreign visits of their officers during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof in respect of each visit and the purpose for the said visit; and

(c) whether it is a fact that HUDCO bore the expenditure of the visit of the Secretary and other officials of his Ministry and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) The details of year-wise expenditure incurred by Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) during last five years is at Statement-I *(See* below).

(c) Yes, Sir. These visits generally related to training programmes. The details of expenditure incurred are at Statement-Il.

***Statement-I***

*Details of foreign currency expenses (in Rupees) incurred during last five years*

| | HUDCO Officers |
|---|---|
| Year | Foreign Tour Foreign Currency (Rs. in lacs) |
| 2001-02 | 15.48 |
| 2002-03 | 7.56 |
| 2003-04 | 7.77 |
| 2004-05 | 16.16 |
| 2005-06 | 20.93 |

***Statement-ll***

*Details of foreign currency expenses (in Rupees) incurred during last five years*

| | Ministry Officials |
|---|---|
| Year | Foreign Tour Foreign Currency (Rs. in lacs) |
| 2001-02 | 0.37 |
| 2002-03 | 0.88 |
| 2003-04 | 0.92 |
| 2004-05 | 0.83 |
| 2005-06 | 0.84 |